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**NEWSLETTER
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NOTES FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

Hello again from the Chairman's office.

We're right smack in the middle of a transition to spring and oh what a good time of year. The reservation is at it's prettiest just when the trees have all blossomed to full. Azaleas are everywhere and it just makes you want to be outside working in the garden. Lent is almost over and Holy Week is upon us. It is a time to be thankful and a time to plant .

Speaking of gardens and flowers and such, I hear tell that O'neil Darden Jr. And few others are putting together a committee to organize a "Yard of the Month" club. Sounds like a great idea and I'm sure we'll hear from them when they're organized. Maybe even in this issue of the Newsletter.

The season is not the only transition going on right now. I'm happy to inform you that we have accomplished a bit of administrative transition as well. Effective the 23rd of March we now have three divisions within our administration and a new Chief Administrative Officer, Toby Darden. Toby will be assuming the duties and responsibilities of the Executive Officer (my former position) with this difference; he will be supervising the Division Administrators. I'm sure Toby will elaborate on this, so I'll not go into it. I must say, however, that I am very confident this arrangement holds great potential for our organization as it will provide greater structural integrity for the growth to come. I want to congratulate Peggy Gaddy, Anita Cook, Holly Robichaux and Toby Darden. You are the key individuals who will be coordinating the administrative growth of our Nation. Good Luck and God Bless.

Once again this year, the Tribe had the opportunity to be the Presenting Sponsor of the Nike Louisiana Open. What a great event. Thousands of people were on hand for the final round on Sunday March 29th. The week long schedule of events allowed the Tribe to participate and be recognized as one of the leading charity fund raisers in the area. It was with great pride that I presented the winner a check for \$54,000.00 on behalf of all Tribal Members. This year the total amount to charities exceeded \$200,000. I was told numerous times how much it is appreciated.

There is a General Meeting scheduled at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday April 25th, I hope everyone will be able to attend. This meeting is called in a continued effort to share ongoing progress of our Nation. Our January meeting is traditionally a meeting of audit results performance figures and general accounting items. With this in mind it has been suggested we call an April meeting for “other” business. One other suggestion I have received is to allow time for Candidates in the upcoming Tribal Elections to have five minutes to introduce themselves and discuss their goals for the Tribe. This request is one that I have heard more than once and believe it is valid. It has been said that the voters would like an opportunity to “meet the candidates” in person. So, let’s hope that all the candidates feel the same and join us at the meeting to introduce themselves.

Other items anticipated on the agenda will be: An update on the Health Clinic, the acquisition of Native American Insurance Company and the administrative structural changes. Review of the Raintree Village project, the assisted living project and future housing opportunities. And finally, an introduction to a completely new and exciting endeavor of the Tribe to complement Raintree Village and Cypress Bayou Casino. Not only will it compliment those two areas but it will offer a broad range of entertainment options to the entire vicinity. We should have at least the preliminary plans to introduce to you by meeting time on the 25th. I think you'll like it.

Until Next Time.....



Chairman Al LeBlanc

"Kop's Korner"

**News from the Chitimacha Police Department
Frank McCloskey, Police Chief**

MARCH 1998

During the month of March 1998 four traffic citations were issued for speeding and one citation for driving under suspension.

Three subjects were arrested on charges ranging from disturbing the peace intoxicated, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest, and a bench warrant for failure to appear on open container law. One subject was arrested on charges of disturbing the peace intoxicated, resisting arrest, simple battery and two counts of battery on a police officer.

We will be saying good-bye to Officer Clayton Arnold. Clayton turned in his resignation, effective April 9, 1998, having accepted a position with the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office. We wish Clayton all the best with his new employment. Good luck!



DRIVING DANGERS

HANDLING HAZARDOUS SITUATIONS BEHIND THE WHEEL

By Mike Carpenter, Shell State Wholesale Manager

Continued from February 1998 Newsletter

Q. Cars seem to pull over in front of me for no reason. Can I do anything about that?

A. Virtually all cars have "blind spots," spots where it's difficult to see cars close behind them to the left or the right. To tell if you're driving in someone's blind spot, just glance at his rearview mirror. If you can't see his face, assume he can't see you. Move forward or fall back so he can see you. There are probably blind spots in your car too. That's why it's always safer to quickly turn to visually check for other vehicles traveling in lane next to yours before you pull over.

The Vampire Rule. Another place to check to see if you're in someone's blind spot is her outside mirror. If you can't see the driver's face, chances are she can't see you.

Q. What if the accelerator sticks?

A. Try pulling it up with the toe of your shoe. If a passenger is with you, have him reach down and pull it up. You should not take your eyes off the road to reach down yourself. If your car has a manual transmission, press down on the clutch. The engine will continue to race, but you can then pull safely off the road. If it's an automatic transmission, put it in neutral. It's not a good idea to turn off the key. Some cars will lose power steering or even lock the steering wheel.

Q. I saw a hood fly open on a car on the freeway. What then?

A. The driver needs to stop, but if he slams on his brakes, he could be hit from behind. In some cars, from behind the wheel you can actually see ahead by peeking through the opening between the dashboard and the hood. If not, then lean out the window to see what's ahead of you. In either case, you need to slow down smoothly and pull off the road.

Q. Suppose another car's coming right at me...what should I do?

A. Right is often the right way. Try to escape to the right if possible. Almost anything is better than a head-on collision. But if you move to the left, the oncoming driver might correct at the last minute and turn back in the direction you've just gone. While you're moving to the right, blow your horn. And if you can't avoid a collision, brake firmly and steadily. Every mile per hour you slow down will reduce the impact.

ROAD RAGE IS REAL

Anger and driving don't mix. Behind the wheel is no place for aggression. But more and more people are letting their emotions get the best of them. One report states that during the first six years of this decade, over 10,000 incidents of road rage were reported. People zigzagging in and out of traffic. Someone cutting someone else off. Tailgating for long distances. All of these can lead to collisions, disputes, even death. Impatience is one of the prime causes. It leads to risk-taking, which can lead to discourteous driving, which can lead to disputes. Being more patient behind the wheel will go a long way toward keeping you out of the way of road rage.

It's impossible to cover all the dangerous situations you can find yourself in when you're driving a car. We've tried to cover many of the ones where a level-headed, quick-reacting defensive driver can do things to avoid collisions and respond safely. By the way, a lot of dangerous situations can be avoided by simply being more alert.

Here's a tip. Any time you see or hear a motorcyclist near you, be especially cautious.

Motorcyclists are difficult to see because they're smaller than most vehicles. Statistics show that motorcyclists are about 16 times as likely as automobile occupants to die in a traffic crash.

TEN WAYS TO AVOID ROAD RAGE

- Be courteous behind the wheel
- Don't honk your horn excessively
- Don't block the passing lane
- Don't switch lanes without signaling first
- Don't take up more than one parking spot
- Don't let your door hit the car parked next to you
- Don't tailgate
- Avoid unnecessary use of high beam headlights
- Don't inflict your loud music on nearby cars
- Allow plenty of time for every trip

WE WISH EVERYONE A HAPPY EASTER!

TRIBAL COURT NEWS

By Holly A. Robicheaux, Tribal Courts Director

This will be the last article which I submit as Tribal Courts Director, and as I do so my heart is filled both with happiness and excitement for the new opportunities I have been afforded and sadness in leaving the position I have dedicated the past eight years to. Effective March 30, 1998, I will be assuming the position of Community Services Administrator which will expand my area of responsibility to include; Courts, Law Enforcement, Social Services, Public Works and Fire Department. I am very grateful and honored to be offered this opportunity by the Tribal Council and make the commitment to apply the same degree of professionalism and dedication to this position as I have in the past to Courts. I was originally employed by the Tribe in February, 1990 as the Clerk of Court and advanced to Tribal Courts Director as the Court staff expanded. It has always been my goal to provide the community with the Judicial means to address their issues, which afforded equal protection to all persons and functioned at the highest possible level. I am very proud and confident in saying that this goal has been achieved, and is an achievement I share with the Judges and the Court staff. Without their support the dream that was envisioned eight years ago by the Tribe and myself, would not have become a reality. I extend my sincere appreciation and gratitude to Judge Simmons, who has served as both the Chief Tribal Court and Juvenile Judge since 1990, Judge dela Houssaye, who has served as Chief Appellate Judge since 1995 and Judges LaBorde and Bienvenu, who have served as the Associate Appellate Judges since 1996, Shirleen Fitzgerald, who has served as Court Clerk since March 20, 1995 and Patricia Martin, who has served as Deputy Clerk since May 27, 1996.

I am confident that the community will continue to receive the same level of services in my absence and place my faith and confidence in Shirleen Fitzgerald, who will be assuming the position of Tribal Courts Director and Patricia Martin who will be assuming the position of Court Clerk.

CURRENT COURT STATISTICS:

MARCH

CASES: (20)

6 Civil Actions (4 Garnishments/ 1 Civil Complaint/ 1 Personal Injury Tort); 6 Domestic Actions (1 Petition For Divorce/ 1 Petition for Custody/ 4 Petitions for Disbursement of Funds); 3 Traffic (Civil Infractions); 2 Criminal (Class A Misdemeanors); 3 Juvenile (1 Child In Need of Care/ 2 Delinquent Offenders)

MORTGAGES AND LIENS: (48)

Assignments

MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS: (01)

Chitimacha Marriage License

COURT OF APPEALS: (00)

**TOTAL ACTIONS PROCESSED
IN MARCH
(69)**

CASES PENDING AS OF MARCH 1, 1998:

TRIAL COURT:

(28)

- 13 CIVIL (10Torts/1Reg.Civil/1 Judg.Debt.
1 Petition for Restraining Orders)
- 04 CRIMINAL (3 Class A/ 1 Class B)
- 02 DOMESTIC RELATIONS
- 05 JUVENILE
- 02 TRAFFIC
- 02 CRIMINAL TRAFFIC

APPELLATE COURT:

(01)

- 01 CIVIL TORT ACTION

COURT SESSIONS

TRIBAL TRIAL COURT:

This month's regular session was conducted on March 10, 1998 which time 21 matters were scheduled to be heard;

- (01) JUVENILE
(Fact-Finding Hearing)
- (04) CRIMINAL
(Arraignments)
- (05) TRAFFIC
(2 Hearing on CV Infractions/3 Hearings on
Violation of Financial Agreements)
- (03) CIVIL
(1 Rule To Show Cause/ 1 Judg. Debt. Rule/ 1
Hearing on Civil Complaint)
- (02) DOMESTIC RELATIONS
(Petitions For Divorce)
- (06) CIVIL TORT ACTIONS
(3 Prelim. Hearings/1 Hearing on Motions/2 Pre-T
Conferences)

SPECIAL SESSIONS:

Three Special Sessions were also conducted in March; the first March 3, 1998 @ 9:00 a.m., at which time 1 Juvenile matter (In Hearing) was scheduled to be heard; the second on March 12, 1 @ 4:00 p.m. at which time 2 Criminal matters (Arraignments) v scheduled to be heard; and the third on March 25, 1998 @ 1 p.m. at which time 2 Juvenile matters (Initial Hearings) v scheduled to be heard.

NEXT REGULAR SESSION:

Our next regular session is scheduled for April 7, 1998, with o session beginning at 10:00 a.m.

As always, if you would like any further information regara the Tribal Courts, please feel free to contact the Court at 9 7806.

Chitimacha Education Services

By Anita M. Cook, Education Services Administrator

Greetings

Hi! The Tribal Council and Tribal Staff have been working on the organization of staffing here. One of the changes is the addition of Education Services. I have the distinguished honor of representing education for the Tribe as Education Services Administrator.

It is an honor to be appointed to this position because education is the number one priority of the Tribe. I have worked for the Tribe for almost seventeen years in various positions. I have also been a volunteer on the Chitimacha Mother's Club, elected to the Chitimacha School Board and a member of the Scholarship Committee. Education has been important to me whether for personal reasons or for the Tribe as a whole.

Education begins at the time of our birth and education should not end until the time of our death. Education is a key that unlocks doors that would not ordinarily be open.

I will be writing articles for the Newsletter in the future about Education Services to keep you updated. Should you have any questions or concerns, I will be happy to answer your questions or concerns and if I don't have the answers I will find them and get back with you.

There will be transitions during this next month and I am looking forward to being a member of the Education Team.

Anita M. Cook, Education Services Administrator

Recreation News

By Jeri & Billy St.Blanc

March has definitely brought excitement to the Recreation Department. The term "March Madness" seems to be appropriate. Though we have been busy, the kids have made so much progress. We're in the middle of several sports. The new housing development has provided us with a new training zone. Who said that Chitimacha doesn't have a track? It sure works for us.

TRACK AND FIELD

We ran our very first Jr. High track meet on March 21st. The only problem we came across was that we have very few Jr. High runners. Oh well, we've always enjoyed a good challenge. It was very exciting to see our kids compete. Our team consists of 4th thru 8th graders. Although we do not pose a threat in very many events, we sure make a lot of coaches nervous. Our young group will make our mark in the years to come.

Tasia Bernard out sprinted the competition in her heat but finished 5th over all in the 100 meter dash. **Byron Toups** placed 6th in the discus with a throw of 91 feet. **Darrell Toups** (5th grader) placed 2nd in the 2 Mile Run. Our Mile relay team consisting of **Lonnie Martin**, **Jolby Schexnaider**, **Blaise St.Blanc** and **Darrell Toups** ran 2nd in their heat but finished 5th overall. All in all, I thought we did extremely well. Everyone was happy with their performance.

We traveled to Erath High for a meet March 25th. **Darrell Toups** finished 4th in the 2 Mile. **Morgan Martin**, **Chelsey Cook**, **Byron Toups**, and **Joshua Vilcan** all improved in the discus and shot put. We ran all the events we could get in and did as well as we could. That's what we're all about.

TRACK MEET SCHEDULE

MARCH 21ST - DELCAMBRE

MARCH 25TH - ERATH

APRIL 1ST - GUEYDAN

APRIL 4TH - LAFAYETTE

APRIL 6TH - CENTERVILLE

BASKETBALL

Our 7-8 year old girls and boys basketball teams are doing fantastic. Our Chitimacha basketball league improved our skills to the level that will enable us to compete against anyone. Their confidence is evident in their play. So far this season we are undefeated. If you get a chance, come out and see them play. I've included a schedule. We play at the Franklin Recreation Center.

MARCH 23- BOYS @ 6:00

MARCH 24- GIRLS @ 6:15

MARCH 25- BOYS @ 6:45

MARCH 26 GIRLS @ 7:00

MARCH 30 BOYS @ 7:30

MARCH 31 GIRLS @ 6:15

APRIL 1 BOYS @ 8:15

APRIL 2 GIRLS @ 7:00

APRIL 6- BOYS @ 6:00

APRIL 7- GIRLS @ 6:15

APRIL 8- BOYS @ 6:45

APRIL 9- GIRLS @ 7:00

APRIL 13- BOYS @ 6:45

GOLF

Our golf team was treated to a free clinic at LeTriomphe in association with the Nike Tour sponsored by the Tribe on March 22. The team was treated to valuable instruction by club and tour pros. The IceGators were on hand for autographs and instruction.

The team also worked the Louisiana Nike Tour. We were responsible for running scores on Hole 9 and 18. Workers included **Morgan Martin** (2 days), **Grant LaGarde** (3 days), **Slade Bobbitt** (3 days), **Nick Persilver** (3 days), Billy St.Blanc (2 days), Blaise St.Blanc (2 days), **Matthew Darden** (2 days), Donelson Caffery (1 day), **Mamie Soprano** (2 days), **Tammy Darden** (2 days), Brad Roderiguez, (2 days), Eddie Payton (2 days). Special recognition goes to **Tasia Bernard** who worked all day for 4 days. All the kids worked real hard. I appreciate the long hours they put in.

We will once again travel to Broken Pine once a week and play in the Acadiana Golf League.

Summer Jobs

Many have been asking about life guarding. I will begin training as soon as the water is warm enough. If you are 16 years old and would like to work through JTPA contact **Anita Cook** for information about the program. Although I will be your immediate supervision, I do not hire. You need to apply with the new Field Service Representative when the position is filled. If I can answer any questions about the work involved, please call.

Baseball - Softball

Kids of all ages have registered for summer baseball, softball, whiffle ball, and coach pitch. Parents signed up for the various leagues on March 14th at the Baldwin Little League Park. Our Little League team will begin practicing this week. Opening tournament is scheduled for April 24-25. Last year, we have a tremendous turnout. Hopefully, this year will be just as successful.

Swim Team

We plan on starting a beginning swim team. We will start off very slowly, working on teaching the correct strokes to compete. I've requested information on local swim teams. New Iberia has a team and there are a few in Lafayette. Hopefully, we can attend a couple. Next month, I'll have more information.

Many new people have made commitment in a fitness program. Remember, EVERYONE needs 20-30 minutes of aerobic exercise at least 3 times a week.

Note: I am available for personal training in the morning. If you would like to make an appointment for fitness testing, body composition or flexibility testing, call at 923-4975. If you like to set up a program, today is the time.

ENROLLMENT NEWS:

By: Ardith Soprano, Enrollment Officer

CHANGE OF OFFICE: Please note that the Enrollment Office has been relocated. The Enrollment Office is now located in the Multi-Purpose Building. Although the Enrollment Office has been moved to a new building, the mailing address is the same. Also, the Enrollment Office will retain the same phone number (318)- 923 2463.

ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS:

Application for Enrollment can be obtained by calling the Enrollment Office at the above number or by writing:

Chitimacha Enrollment
P.O. Box 661
Charenton, LA 70523

Each application must include a certified copy of the applicant's birth certificate plus documentation establishing that applicant is a direct descendant of person(s) listed on the 1926 Annuity Roll and/or the 1959 Census Roll.

CHANGE OF INFORMATION: Please number to notify the Enrollment Office of any changes in your address, phone number, or name.

LADIES: When you marry, please provide a copy of your marriage license and also a copy of your new Social Security card that has your new name printed on it.

CONTINUING EDUCATION NEWS:

By: Ardith Soprano, Continuing Education Coordinator

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS:

CHANGE OF OFFICE: Please note that the Continuing Education Office has been relocated. The office is now located in the Multi-Purpose Building. The address and phone number will remain the same.

APPLICATIONS: The Summer 1998 application packet are ready, those on the program at this time will be receiving their packet soon. Anyone who is new to the program or who has been off the program but would like a packet must contact this office. The application deadline is April 25th.

COMMUNITY PAY BACK OPPORTUNITIES:

1. On April 24th the Chitimacha Tribal School is conducting a "Culture Day". Assistance is needed to monitor booths to insure safety of students. A minimum of 10 workers is needed.

Activities begin at 11:00 and will conclude at 2:30. Help will be needed to set-up and to clean-up. If interested, please contact Steve Nugent at 318-923-9960 or Kim Walden at 318-923-9923.

2. On April 25th a General Meeting is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Help is needed to set-up, clean-up, man the registration desk, and general assistance. Contact my office to schedule your hours.

GED NEWS:

GED classes are being held at the Chitimacha Tribal School for Tribal Members and their family members. Classes are held in the school cafeteria on Monday and Tuesday nights from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

If you have registered for GED classes but are not attending class because the work is too difficult, contact my office. We are attempting to supply literacy classes for those who need help in reading. This will help you succeed at GED.

CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL NEWS

CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL HONOR ROLL THIRD NINE WEEKS

3RD GRADE:

Adrianna Bernard
Matthew Darden

5TH GRADE:

Slade Bobbitt
Jase Darden

7TH GRADE:

Tasia Bernard
Toni Darden
James Hebert
Morgan Martin

4TH GRADE:

Erin Compton
Arielle Darden
Megan Persilver
Richard Picard
Schuylur Vilcan

6TH GRADE:

Robert Brown
Grant LaGarde
Brandt Johnson

8TH GRADE:

Joshua Vilcan

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Chitimacha School annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Thursday, April 9th beginning at 11:30 A.M. It will be held on the school grounds. If your child plans on participating in the Easter Egg Hunt, please bring three (3) dyed eggs with them for the hunt. If you have any questions, please call the school at 923-9960.

ACADIANA REGIONAL SPELLING BEE

Our school has once again participated in the Acadiana Regional Spelling Bee sponsored by Maison Blanche. Students who expressed an interest in competing were given a word list to study. The school-wide spelling bee was held on Wednesday, February 18th, 1998. The winners were as follows:

Category 1 - (Grades 1-3)

Winner - Shannon Cook
Alternate - Matthew Darden

Category 2 - (Grades 4-6)

Winner - Slade Bobbitt
Alternate - Jenesse Dwyer

Thanks to Ms. Denise Hodge for her assistance with the school spelling bee.

The winners went on to participate in the Regional Spelling Bee held in Lafayette on Friday, March 13th. Both Shannon and Slade did a terrific job representing their school. Congratulations to both.

SCHOOL EFFECTIVENESS SITE VISIT

During the week of February 17 - 20, 1998, Dr. Roger Bordeaux, Carmen Taylor, and Betty Walker conducted a school effectiveness visit at the Chitimacha Tribal School.

The purpose of the visit was to judge the effectiveness of our school based on the effective school correlates. These correlates are:

- I. Clear, Focused and Articulated Mission
- II. Safe and Supportive Environment
- III. High Expectations
- IV. Strong Instructional Leadership
- V. Opportunity to Learn
- VI. Frequent Monitoring And Feedback of Student Progress
- VII. Parental/Community Support, Involvement And Participation
- VIII. Challenging Curriculum And Appropriate Instruction
- IX. Participatory Management And Shared Governance
- X. Cultural Relevance

To make judgements of the school's effectiveness in each area, the team had to gather data. Data gathering activities that the group participated in included:

1. A parental/community meeting
2. Visits with the school board
3. Interviews with faculty and staff
4. Surveys of teachers and students
5. Review of student test results
6. Review of board minutes

After the team finished their evaluation, they returned to their respective homes and wrote the final report that is on file at the school. Any interested party can visit the school to read the report or get a copy of the report if they so choose.

CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL GIFTED PROGRAM NEWS

On February 26th the 2nd through 7th grade gifted students participated in special solar eclipse activities. The students prepared themselves for these activities by becoming familiar with terminology used to describe what occurs during a solar eclipse. Some of the students assembled indirect viewing devices for safe viewing of the eclipse. The students also used the Internet to see illustrations of a solar eclipse. On the day of the eclipse we accessed different web sites tracking the eclipse in progress and some of the students were able to view parts of the eclipse through the viewing devices. After the eclipse the students participated in Earth Science Quiz Bowl which was a lot of fun.

On March 13 we attended a presentation by the Acadiana Symphony Orchestra in Lafayette.

Presently the students are working on different projects. First graders Lindsey Martin and Ciera Johnson are learning to use the Internet to visit interesting web sites and write to keypals in north Louisiana and New York. They are also learning to use algebraic thinking using manipulatives. Second grader Hannah LaGarde has keypals in Louisiana and Indiana. Recently Hannah worked with fourth graders Megan Persilver and Arielle Darden to put together riddles using words from the Chitimacha language. Fifth graders Ben Darden and Jase Darden put together a newsletter containing national news which was distributed to fifth through eighth graders. They are presently designing their own personal home pages. Sixth grader Grant LaGarde assembled a coloring book for the kindergarten and first grade students. The coloring books contained pictures of animals with the Chitimacha names. Grant is helping seventh grader Morgan Martin design a newsletter containing school news.

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

The Chitimacha Tribal School is not just keeping pace with other schools, but is actually setting the pace for many. With the help of Greg Waguespack, all of our older computers (12) have been upgraded and are now all running *Windows '95*.

The computers in the library/media center were already in good order. These upgrades were made in preparation for improvements that the BIA will be providing our school, and should be in place by April 3, 1998.

The BIA has contracted to install wiring, hubs, a router, and a new file server which will provide us the opportunity to be completely networked and for every classroom to have internet access. Through **GOALS 2000**, our teachers will receive training; in addition, software, supplies, and materials will be provided - all geared toward curriculum enhancement so that optimum use of technology can be achieved, allowing our students advantages that are only dreamed of in many school systems. A new school management system will be in place shortly that will streamline many new features, including attendance, discipline, and a much needed student data base.

At the present time, internet lessons are being taught to our 5th - 8th graders by the librarian. At the successful completion of the course, each student will receive an internet driver's license which must be presented when the student is on the "super highway". We're making great strides in technology, and you're all invited to the media center to see what it's all about!

CULTURAL EXCHANGE DAY

The school will be sponsoring a "Cultural Exchange Day" on April 24th from 9:30 A.M. until 2:30 P.M. Students in grades 4 through 8 will be involved in several hands-on activities such as brain tanning, constructing a hut, beadwork, making beef jerky, pottery and syrup to name a few. The focus of the exercise is to have our students actually TEACH students from other schools how to do these various activities, allowing our students to better appreciate their culture and gain pride by showing others.

The cultural department has joined up with the 4-H Club to get the project under way. This is an extremely large undertaking and will only succeed if we get enough participants from the other schools. So far Hanson, Centerville, LaGrange and the Children's Community School in Lafayette have responded. We hope to have more schools contacting us in the next few weeks. The local newspapers and television stations will be on hand, as well as several college volunteers.

We would like to especially invite the tribal elders to help us oversee some of the activities and possibly share some of their own past experiences with others.

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to call the school and speak to Steve Nugent or call Kim Walden at the Cultural Center. We welcome any suggestions and hope to see the community support this project by dropping by the school that day. Hope to see you there!

4-H NEWS

The Chitimacha 4-H Club has been busy preparing for the upcoming Cultural Exchange Day. We have also been recognized as the club with the highest scoring meeting in the month of February, with a score of 110 out of 105! Our meetings have been improving because of the great leadership of our officers and because of the multitude of projects we are involved in. Our latest endeavor is the production of 100 plaques for the casino. We have just recently finished the frame-up of a small greenhouse to use for seedlings. We have also begun to work on the school garden and have been fertilizing and pruning the trees on the school campus.

We will be planting two cypress trees near the mausoleum in memory of Mr. Ovide Butaud and Mrs. Dora Burgess. The tree-planting memorial for every tribal member who passes away is a new tradition the tribe would like to begin, and the 4-H club members are extremely proud and honored to help by doing the actual planting. This is surely a positive way to remember and honor our past citizens. The 4-H club would like to also remind the community to come on out and see the fun things we will be doing on Cultural Exchange Day, April 24th.

Louisiana Education Assessment Program Test

On April 6, 7, and 8, the Chitimacha Tribal School will be conducting a Louisiana Education Assessment Program test (L.E.A.P.) In order that your child/children may be mentally and physically prepared, we are offering the following recommendations:

THE NIGHT BEFORE THE TEST

1. Make sure your child doesn't go to bed angry.
2. Plan ahead to stay away from problems before the test. For example, it would help to avoid talking about a child's overuse of the phone or avoidance of chores. Your child could stay upset about the argument and not do as well on the test.
3. Keep the rules of the house. Stopping normal discipline or upsetting the usual routine of the home may confuse your child. This may affect how well your child can perform the next day.
4. Consider talking about the test to reassure and encourage your child. At the same time, don't dwell on the subject, as you may cause your child to worry unnecessarily.
5. Let your child know that you know tests can be hard, but that taking them provides a chance to show how well he or she can do. The test will help the teacher understand what your child needs to learn.
6. Be encouraging. If you say "You'll probably blow this one," your child will expect failure.
7. Consider playing an educational game like scrabble or twenty questions to help a child get into the testing spirit.

THE MORNING OF THE TEST

1. Have your child get up early enough to avoid hurrying. Being on time for school is important.
2. Have your child eat a good breakfast -- but not a heavy one. Don't force a child to eat, through. If he or she is very nervous, too much food could cause illness.
3. Have your child dress in something he or she likes, that others like, and that is familiar. Being comfortable is important. New clothes or new shoes that pinch will be distracting.
4. Don't appear unconcerned about the testing. While your child needn't be afraid of tests, he or she needs to understand the importance of testing.
5. Be positive when you send your child to school. Let the child know that you understand that tests can be hard, but that they are not designed to "punish" him or her. Tests are very much for showing what your child needs to know as well as what he or she already knows.

AFTER THE TEST

1. Reward your child for trying hard on the test. You might treat him or her to a special dinner, or allow an extra half hour of TV. Punishment for doing poorly will only hurt, because the test itself was punishing enough if he or she had a hard time.
2. Talk with your child about what was learned from the test. What would he or she do differently if the test could be taken over?.
3. Talk with your child about what can be done between now and the next time a test is given, such as trying harder with homework or listening more closely in class.
4. When you get the test results for your child, don't compare his or her performance with that of your friend's or neighbor's children. Saying something like "Why aren't you as smart as Billy next door?" can only hurt.
5. Please don't hesitate to discuss with the teacher any questions that you or your child have about testing.
6. Think about how you can help your child do better next time! Keep these "up" handy for future use!

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

CONTRACT MEDICAL CARE ASSISTANT

REPORTS TO: The Contract Medical Care Assistant reports directly to the Health Director.

SCOPE OF POSITION: The purpose of this position is to give assistance in the Contract Medical Care office, and provide secretarial services to the management of the Health Program.

DUTIES: Filing and maintaining patient and doctor records in regards to CMC. Prepare and issue CMC purchase orders. Maintain CMC records. Follow-up on outstanding bills, prepare medical bills for payment, type vouchers, reimbursement correspondence and distribution of checks to providers on a regular basis. Assist in the preparation of reports as requested by the Health Director. Assists in the maintenance of patient records confidentiality log and ensures all medical records are secure.

QUALIFICATIONS: High School graduate or equivalent. Basic office skills such as typing, filing and basic computer knowledge. Ability to deal with Tribal members in a kind and courteous manner. Must maintain confidentiality.

***THIS IS A SENSITIVE POSITION, DUE TO CONTACT WITH CHILDREN AND/OR MINORS. A BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THIS POSITION.**

***THIS IS A SAFETY-SENSITIVE POSITION AND IS SUBJECT TO RANDOM DRUG TESTING.**

PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO QUALIFIED NATIVE AMERICANS PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 93-638 AND THE INDIAN SELF-DETERMINATION AND EDUCATION ASSISTANCE ACT AND THE INDIAN CIVIL RIGHTS ACT 25 U.S.C. 450 c(b).

TO APPLY: Please submit resume to Human Resources Specialist before the close of business (11:30 a.m.) On Friday, April 10, 1998. Resumes may be submitted at the Multi-Purpose building or by mail to the address below.

**"Contract Medical Care Assistant"
Human Resources Specialist
Chitimacha Tribe of LA
P.O. Box 661
Charenton, LA 70523**

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CLERK

REPORTS TO: The Accounts Payable Clerk reports directly to the Finance Director.

SCOPE OF POSITION: This person is primarily responsible for the proper entry, processing and payment of all vouchers for expenditures.

DUTIES: Process and input vouchers for expenditures. Prepare any necessary journal entries. Scan coding for accuracy and determine that all transactions have been appropriately approved before entering into the software. Assist with annual audit as determined necessary. Prepare year end information reporting such as 1099's. Other duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS: High School graduate or equivalent. Requires one year experience in processing financial information and dealing with vendors. Good understanding of computers. Understanding of MIP accounting software is a positive.

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**"Accounts Payable Clerk"
Human Resources Specialist
Chitimacha Tribe of LA
P.O. Box 661
Charenton, LA 70523**

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

DEPUTY CLERK

REPORTS TO: The Deputy Clerk will directly report to the Tribal Courts Program Director.

SCOPE OF POSITION: The Deputy Clerk is responsible for initial contact with persons seeking assistance and/or information from the Court; answering the phone and directing the calls to appropriate staff; processing incoming and outgoing mail; administering oaths, collecting monies owed to the Court; assisting the Court Clerk with case file preparation, log entries and docketing; maintaining Law Library and general clerical duties.

DUTIES: The Deputy Clerk will receive all individuals and telephone calls, provide general information, administer oaths, collect all fines, process incoming and outgoing mail, maintain Law Library, photocopy and prepare Codes and assist Court Clerk with case file preparation, logs, dockets and index systems.

QUALIFICATIONS: Eighteen (18) months minimum secretarial experience, formal education and training may be substituted. High school diploma or General Equivalency Diploma is required. Must be able to demonstrate good communication skills and an ability to work with the public and staff in a positive and objective manner. Must be able to establish priorities in completing assigned workload and to work with little or no supervision. Must be an accurate typist and computer literate with experience in Word Perfect and other office based computer applications. Must be able to maintain utmost confidentiality and to be bonded. Must be willing to travel and be amenable to training as recommended to improve skills.

PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO QUALIFIED NATIVE AMERICANS PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 93-638 AND THE INDIAN SELF-DETERMINATION AND EDUCATION ASSISTANCE ACT AND THE INDIAN CIVIL RIGHTS ACTS 25 U.S. C. 450e(b).

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**“Deputy Clerk”
Human Resources Specialist
Chitimacha Tribe of LA
P.O. Box 661
Charenton, LA 70523**

Spring into April with Healthier Eating Habits

by Leslie G. Fontenot, Registered Dietitian

As summer approaches some of us become concerned about how we are going to look in short pants, sleeveless shirts, and bathing suits. We also become concerned about surviving the heat and having enough energy for outdoor activities. Right now is the time to allow these concerns to guide you into healthier habits, food choices, and movement routines.

Healthier habits include perhaps taking a look at your daily routine.

Are you getting adequate sleep?

- ◆ How are you dealing with stressful situations?
- ◆ Do you smoke? If so, how much?
- ◆ Are you taking medications as directed by your physician?
- ◆ Are you getting annual medical check ups?

Better food choices might include the following:

- ◆ Getting 5 or more servings of fruits and vegetables per day.
- ◆ Limiting your daily fat gram intake to about 65-80 grams per day.
- ◆ Sitting down and slowing down at meal times in order to give your body time to tell your brain that you've had enough..
- ◆ Are you eating breakfast? Lots of people who skip breakfast end up overeating later on during the day.
- ◆ Are you more often eating when you are hungry. Lots of us struggle with eating out of emotions (i.e., tired, lonely, happy, sad) rather than hunger.

- ◆ Are you a chronic dieter? Repeated crash diets can actually cause you to overeat and therefore gain weight.

More active movement routines involve embracing opportunities for being physical.

- ◆ Do you walk short distances instead of driving in your car?
- ◆ Do you park further away in parking lots in order to walk a longer distance to the entrance?
- ◆ Do you take the stairs instead of the elevator?
- ◆ Do you play with your kids (biking, putt-putt golfing, throwing a softball)?
- ◆ Do you engage in a regular exercise program at a gym?
- ◆ Do you know your target heart rate zone in order to make sure that you're burning fat while exercising?
- ◆ Do you have hobbies that encourage movement?

As you begin spring cleaning in your home, consider doing the same for your health. We at the health department have lots of resources for helping you. Call us at 923-9955.

Cultural Department News

By Kimberly S. Walden

This month the Cultural Department held two Saturday workshops. On March 7, 1998, Carolyn Savage taught participants how to make fans. Each participant successfully completed their fan and were very proud of their work. On March 14, Tribal elder, Mr. Nick Stouff, taught participants to set a stone in silver in order to make a medallion. Each participant completed their medallion and began work on a bracelet. Part II of this class will be to complete the bracelets and to make silver rings. Congratulations to all participants for their hard work and patience in completing these projects.

Dance and Drum classes were held on March 11 and 18. On the 18th we had a special guest in addition to our regular instructors. Mr. Al Bold Eagle, lead singer for the Drum group called the Otter -Trail singers, was here. Al is a Taino-Arawak, Mexican Indian (Aztec). He has produced two recordings with the Otter- Trail Singers: Live at Old Bridge Powwow and Live at Hunter Mountain '95. He also released Family Songs Southern Style by S.O.A.R, which has recently been nominated for Best Pow-wow Album of 1998 for the Native American Music Awards, scheduled for May of this year. This Award Show will be held at Foxwoods Resort and Casino in Connecticut. Al's music has been featured in movies like Geronimo and Mission Impossible with Tom Cruise. Al is also a performer with the Native American Indian Dance Theater. His acting skills have been displayed in performances at Yale University, Dartmouth College, Columbia University, New York University, Rutgers University, the National Museum of the American Indian and the museum of Natural History. It was a privilege and honor to have Al Bold Eagle here. He taught the CTS children a song and gave the boys an opportunity to drum. He was also here to teach the evening Dance/Drum class. All participants had a great time.

The moccasin workshop is set for April 18 and 19. On Friday, participants will learn to make and cut out a pattern and also cut the hide. On Saturday, we will learn to sew the moccasins

and also learn some additional stitches to sew leather. By Saturday afternoon each participant should have their very own pair of Chitimacha moccasins modeled after the ones our ancestors wore.

The pottery class scheduled for April 25, 1998 had to be cancelled due to the general meeting. It will be rescheduled for a Saturday in May or June. Participants will be notified as to the new date.

The Cultural Department has been helping Steve Nugent, the 4-H leader at CTS, plan the Chitimacha 4-H Cultural Exchange Day on April 24, 1998. This day has been designed in order to expose local school children to aspects of the Chitimacha Culture, as well as Cajun Culture, and to allow interaction between our Chitimacha students and students from the surrounding area. The 50 students who will participate will help with brain tanning deer hides, making pottery, making beef jerky, making cane syrup, and other scheduled activities. These children will also be exposed to some aspects of Chitimacha History. We hope that this project will be successful and that we can make this an annual event due to the overwhelming interest in our Tribe from area schools.

The Miss Chitimacha Nation/ Jr. Chitimacha Nation Pageant has been set for November 21, 1998 at 3:00, prior to the Thanksgiving Feast at the Chitimacha Tribal School Gym. The purpose of this pageant is to select two girls to be role models for our Tribal youth. The Deadline for Entry is April 21, 1998 at 5:00. Entry forms and letters were sent to every Chitimacha girl age 14-21. All entry forms should be delivered to the Cultural Department. If you have not received your letter and you are interested in entering, please contact the Cultural Department as soon as possible.

Reminders: Beadwork classes are held every Monday night from 6:00-7:00, with the exception of holidays. Please come out and join us! We are still in need of recipes for our Community Cookbook. Without your participation this project will not be possible.

NEWS FROM THE PAST

By: Melanie Marcotte

Delphine Darden Decloux Stouff was a famous basket maker and last Chitimacha medicine woman of the Chitimacha Tribe. Born on October 14, 1872 in the Charenton village, she was orphaned and raised by Clara Darden. It was from Clara that Delphine learned the beautiful art of basketry and also all of the Chitimacha medicine's.



Delphine Stouff (1868-1940)

Delphine was half sister to Ernest "Papa Jack" Darden and Jules Darden. Married to Octave Stouff, Sr., they had seven children, Emile Stouff (Former Chief), Octave "Boots" Stouff, Frederick Stouff, Leonard "Nick" Stouff, Constance Stouff (who died at the age of 9) and a baby boy who died at birth (name unknown). Clara lived with Delphine until the time of her death.

Sadly, the Chitimacha old way of herbs, medicinal plants and the traditional prayers that went with the curing are no longer remembered. Delphine was most famous for her cure of rattlesnake bites. There is a story about Delphine and how she cured a boy who had been bitten, as told by Nick Stouff, her grandson.

"There was a rice farmer who lived by the Carbon Black plant in the Centerville area,

who once brought his son to Delphine, as the boy had been bitten by a snake. Delphine asked the father if he knew what kind of snake it was, but the father was uncertain. She treated him for the cottonmouth snake, and tied a piece of string around the boy's leg, telling the father that if the swelling went past the string to bring him back to her. A few days later the father was back with the boy, as the swelling had went past the string. Delphine then treated him for the water moccasin bite. Retying the string, she gave the father the same instructions. Once again, the father was back with the boy a few days later. Delphine then treated him for the rattlesnake bite, and the boy was cured. Many years later, a salesman came in to see Mr. Nick, and told him that he was the little boy that Delphine had cured, and related the story to Mr. Nick. Delphine also told the father of the boy that if the snake was not killed, one year to the day of when the boy had been bit, a large water blister would appear where the snake had bitten the child. Sure enough, one year later a water blister about the size of a man's thumb appeared on the bite area".

Doctor's throughout the Franklin area used to send their snake bit patients to Delphine, because she was able to cure them when they could not. The doctor's asked Delphine to teach them the medicine's and technique's to heal the patients of snake bites. Delphine agreed and was teaching the doctors, but when it came to the prayer that went along with the cure, the doctors refused to learn the prayer. When she saw that they were only interested in the medicine, she refused to teach them any more.

Besides being remembered for basket

making and Chitimacha medicine woman, Delphine made another very important contribution to the Chitimacha Tribe. In 1934 she, along with Chief Benjamin Paul, worked with Dr. Morris Swadesh to record the Chitimacha language on wax cylinders. It is because of these two ancestors that the Chitimacha language was preserved and has been the foundation for the Chitimacha language restoration that the Tribe has in place today. Besides being recorded, Dr. Swadesh also took large amounts of field notes, which are legends written down from Delphine and Ben and oral histories of the Tribe. The following two short stories are of how Delphine learned how to weave and how she became a snake doctor.

HOW I LEARNED HOW TO WEAVE

"As a girl I didn't like to work. I didn't want to weave baskets. I didn't want to learn to weave baskets lest I hurt my hands. Therefore I didn't want to learn. I was a grown girl before I learned to weave baskets. Only after I went to the holy women (the nuns) and learned to work did I see it would be better if I wove baskets. I asked my mother for money. 'No, If you do as I do (weave baskets), you too will have money as I.' 'If it is thus, I'll learn. I too will make money'. I went, took cane and asked to learn. Then I learned. Till this day I weave. I don't stop weaving. I make money. I have now woven baskets for forty three years."

HOW I BECAME A SNAKE DOCTOR

"When I was a little girl I was with my mother one day and a snake was coming toward the house. 'Go call your uncle.' 'No. I'll kill it.' I took a stick and ran. I wanted to kill it. 'No. Call your uncle,' she said. 'No. I'll kill it.' I struck. I did not hit it. The snake came running toward me. I ran fast. My uncle came and killed the snake.

Then my mother (said), 'If it's thus, it is better, if I teach you medicine, that you can't kill a snake. Do you want to learn?' Then I learned from my mother how to make medicine. 'All right,' I said. Then I went with her when people were bitten by snakes and got her herbs, beat them and applied them. I saw then how she does when a snake has bitten one. When people came, I went with her. Thus I learned. Then I made medicine alone. To this day I make medicine for our people. I alone know rattlesnake medicine."

Delphine Stouff died on January 28, 1940. The last Chitimacha medicine woman with the knowledge of the old healing ways is gone. But the important contributions of basketry and the Chitimacha language ensures that she will be remembered for generations to come.

NEXT MONTH* Adele Soulier Rouge Darden, granddaughter of Chieftess Eugenie Soulier Rouge.

Tribe Reorganizes Structure

notes from the desk of Toby Darden

We have just completed a reorganization of the tribal administrative structure. The Tribal Council officially approved it on March 19. This reorganization was necessary to continue to effectively manage the various programs we offer along with the employees who work within these programs. Additionally, the reorganization is now prepared to further develop and enhance our programs as our community's needs continue to grow.

The administrative changes were immediately possible because we were able to utilize the experienced staff already in our organization. The highlights of the changes are:

Toby Darden will take over the duties of Chief Administrative Officer, responsible for the overall tribal administration, and helping the Chairman and Council in developing and implementing current and long range objectives for the Tribe.

Holly Robicheaux will fulfill the Administrator of Community Services position, responsible for the programs of Law Enforcement, Tribal Courts, Community Fire Protection, Public Works, and Human Services.

Anita Cook will assume the duties of Administrator of Education Services, responsible for administering the following of School Services, Adult Ed., Continuing Ed, Culture, Tribal Enrollment and Data Systems.

Peggy Gaddy will fulfill the position of Administrator of Health Services, responsible for the programs of Health Department, Clinic (Development and Operations), Seniors Program, Recreation, and Housing.

Bethany Darby will take over the Human Resources department, responsible for employee services for the entire administration.

Shirleen Fitzgerald was promoted to Director of Courts.

Patricia Martin was promoted to Clerk of Courts.

Madeline Phelps was promoted to Director of Health.

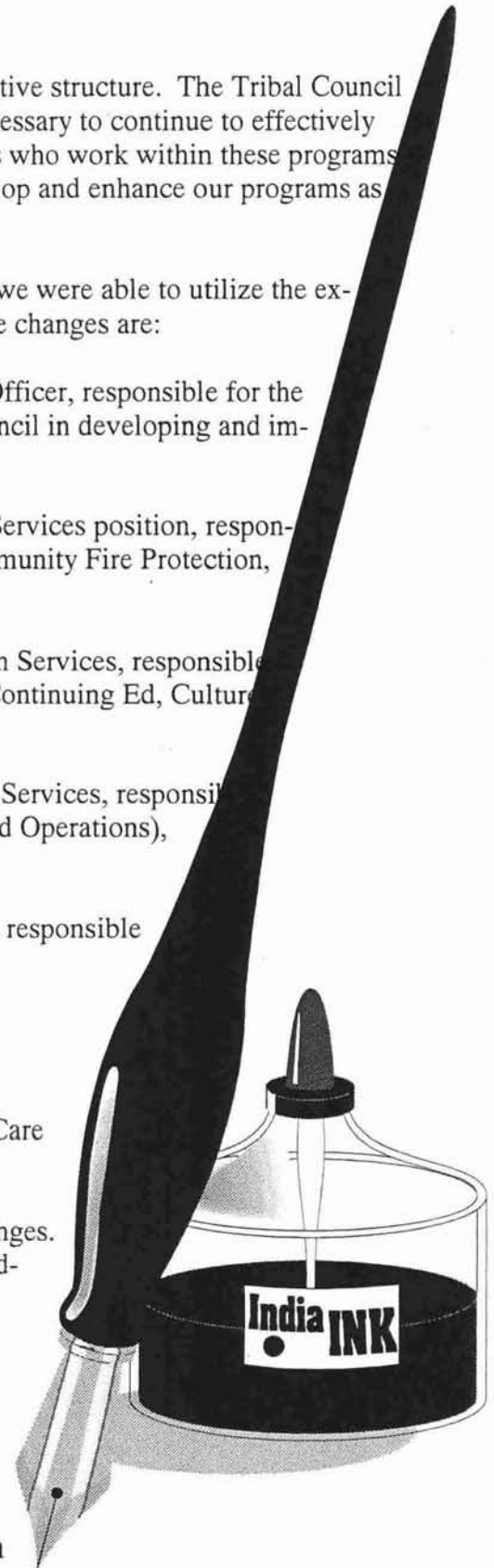
Mildred Darden was promoted to Director of Contract Medical Care (CMC).

Two vacancies were created as a result of the organizational changes. They are Deputy Clerk, and CMC Assistant. We are presently advertising these positions.

Congratulations to all the staff for doing such a fine job!

Till next month, best wishes!

**Sincerely,
Toby C. Darden**



CHITIMACHA SENIOR PROGRAM CALENDAR
DAILY MENU SCHEDULE
APRIL 1998

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		April 1, 1998 Breakfast Red Beans, Rice, Sausage, Cole Slaw, Rolls and Jello Activity: Lil Bingo	April 2, 1998 Smothered Chicken, Rice, Field Peas, Broccoli n/Cauliflower, Rolls and Ice Cream Activity: Shopping	April 3, 1998 Shrimp Okra Gumbo, Rice, Potato Salad, Rolls and Fruit
April 6, 1998 Smothered Steak, Green Beans, Rice, Salad, Rolls and Pie Activity: Lil Bingo	April 7, 1998 Stuffed Bell Pepper, Pork Chops, Corn, Rolls and Fruit Activity: Lil Bingo	April 8, 1998 Breakfast Groundmeat Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Potato Salad and Fruit Activity: Shopping	April 9, 1998 Spring Break Day Bar-B-Q, Potato Salad, Pork n/Beans, Garlic Bread, Rice Dressing and Cake Activity: Lil Bingo	April 10, 1998 Office Closed Good Friday Holiday
April 13, 1998 Baked Chicken, Creamed Potatoes, Sweet Peas, Salad, Rolls and Jello Activity: Lil Bingo	April 14, 1998 Beef Stew, Rice, Cabbage, Corn, Rolls and Fruit Activity: Lil Bingo	April 15, 1998 Breakfast Meatloaf, Cheese Potatoes, Peas n/Carrots, Salad, Rolls and Pie Activity: RegBingo	April 16, 1998 Pork Roast, Lima Beans, Carrots, Yams, Rolls and Pudding Activity: Shopping	April 17, 1998 Crawfish Stew, Rice, Salad, Salmon Patties, Rolls and Fruit
April 20, 1998 Fried Chicken, Macaroni n/Cheese, Corn, Salad, Rolls and Pudding Activity: Lil Bingo	April 21, 1998 Beef Roast, Rice, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls and Jello Activity: Lil Bingo	April 22, 1998 Breakfast Pork Ribs, White Beans, Rice, Squash, Rolls and Fruit Activity: Lil Bingo	April 23, 1998 Smothered Meatballs, Rice, Blackeye Peas, Cabbage and Pudding Activity: Lil Bingo	April 24, 1998 Fried Fish, Stuffed Bell Pepper, Hush Puppies and Brownies
April 27, 1998 Pork Chops, Cheese Potatoes, Broccoli n/Cauliflower, Roll and Fruit Activity: Lil Bingo	April 28, 1998 Brisket, Rice Dressing, Green Beans, Yams, Rolls and Cake Activity: Lil Bingo	April 29, 1998 Breakfast Chicken Stew, Rice, White Beans, Asparagus, Salad, Rolls and Fruit Activity: Lil Bingo	April 30, 1998 Baked Ham, Macaroni n/Cheese, Corn, Salad, Rolls and Pie Activity: Shopping	
APRIL 1998 BIRTHDAYS <i>Donald Eddlemon</i> <i>April 6</i> <i>Joy Johnson</i> <i>April 11</i> <i>Leslie D. Proctor</i> <i>April 17</i> <i>Ruth Burgess</i> <i>April 21</i> <i>Hazel Mora</i> <i>April 27</i> HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU AND HAVE MANY MORE!!!				

CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL
DAILY MENU SCHEDULE
APRIL 1998

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		April 1, 1998 Breakfast Biscuits, Sausage, Juice, & Milk Lunch Chicken Fritters on Bun, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Fruit, Cake, & Milk	April 2, 1998 Breakfast Grits, Boiled Egg, Juice & Milk Lunch Weiner Spagetti, Sweet Peas, Fruit, Cornbread, & Milk	April 3, 1998 Breakfast Cereal, Hash Browns, Juice & Milk Lunch Grilled Cheese OR Peanut Butter & Jelly, Celery & Carrot Sticks, Fruit, & Milk
April 6, 1998 Breakfast Waffles, Turkey Sticks, Juice & Milk Lunch Pork Chops, Spagetti w/cheese, Salad, Fruit, & Milk	April 7, 1998 Breakfast Blueberry Muffin, Cheese Sticks, Juice & Milk Lunch Nachos w/Cheese, Salad, Fruit, Cake & Milk	April 8, 1998 Breakfast Biscuits, Sausage, Juice & Milk Lunch Oven-Fried Chicken, Rice Dressing, Salad, Fruit, & Milk	April 9, 1998 Breakfast Cereal, Toast Sticks, Juice & Milk Lunch Ham Sandwich, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Fruit, & Milk	April 10, 1998 GOOD FRIDAY - NO SCHOOL
April 20, 1998 Breakfast Eggs, Toast Sticks, Juice & Milk Lunch Tacos, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cornbread, Fruit & Milk	April 21, 1998 Breakfast Cinnamon Bun, Ham Sticks, Juice & Milk Lunch Beef Tips, Rice & Gravy, Creamed Corn, Roll, Fruit & Milk	April 22, 1998 Breakfast Cereal, Hash Brown, Juice & Milk Lunch Spagetti, Sweet Peas, Fruit, Roll & Milk	April 23, 1998 Breakfast Cheese Toast, Sliced Ham, Juice & Milk Lunch Shrimp Ettouffee, Rice, Green Beans, Roll, Fruit & Milk	April 24, 1998 Breakfast Biscuit, Sausage, Juice & Milk Lunch Corn Dogs, French Fries, Salad, Fruit, & Milk
April 27, 1998 Breakfast Bagel, Canadian Bacon, Juice, Milk Lunch Baked Chicken, Pork- n-Beans, Fruit, Roll, & Milk	April 28, 1998 Breakfast Pancakes, Sausage Links, Juice, Milk Lunch Beef Tips, Rice, Field Peas, Fruit, Roll, & Milk	April 29, 1998 Breakfast Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk Lunch Hot Dogs, Tator Tots, Salad, Fruit, & Milk	April 30, 1998 Breakfast French Toast, Juice, Milk Lunch Oven-Fried Pork Chops, Spagetti & Cheese, Salad, Fruit, & Milk	

Monday, April 6th - Wednesday, April 8th: LEAP Tests

Thursday, April 9th: Early Release, 1:00 P.M.

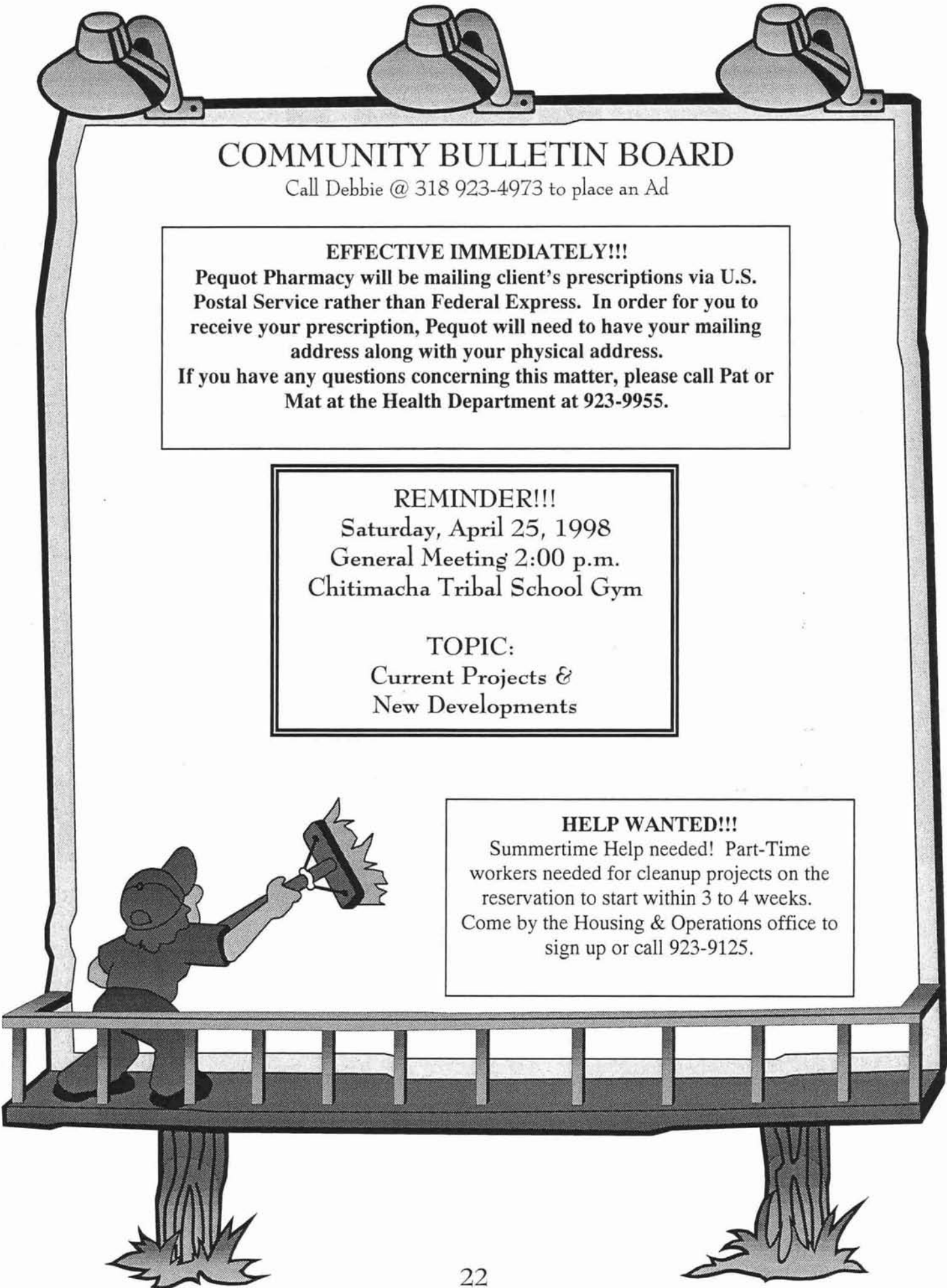
Friday, April 10, Good Friday: School Holiday

Monday, April 13th - Friday April 17th - Easter Holidays/Spring Break

Monday, April 20th - 4th Mid Nine Weeks Ends

Tuesday, April 21st: Early Release, 1:00 P.M., CPR Training

Monday, April 27th - Hand out Mid-Nine Week Grades



COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Call Debbie @ 318 923-4973 to place an Ad

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY!!!

Pequot Pharmacy will be mailing client's prescriptions via U.S. Postal Service rather than Federal Express. In order for you to receive your prescription, Pequot will need to have your mailing address along with your physical address.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call Pat or Mat at the Health Department at 923-9955.

REMINDER!!!

Saturday, April 25, 1998
General Meeting 2:00 p.m.
Chitimacha Tribal School Gym

TOPIC:

Current Projects &
New Developments

HELP WANTED!!!

Summertime Help needed! Part-Time workers needed for cleanup projects on the reservation to start within 3 to 4 weeks. Come by the Housing & Operations office to sign up or call 923-9125.